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SCORES SHORTCOMINGS IN AGRICULTURAL WORK

DELAY SPRING SOWING -- Rabotnichesko Delo, No 105, 15 Apr 50

The sowing of early spring crops, including wheat, barley, oats, and rice, has been concluded on schedule, but inexcusable procrastination is delaying the sowing of the crops to follow: sunflower, hemp, alfalfa, and fibrilous and oleaginous flax.

The sowing deadlines established by Decree No 139 of the Council of Ministers are long past, but in many districts and okoliya the fact is regarded with the utmost indifference. Thus, on 6 April, only 13.3 percent of the planned sunflower area had been sown in Gorna Dzhumaya District, 36.3 in Kolarovgrad, 45 in Stalin, 58.7 in the important sunflower district of Burgas, and 63 percent in Ruse. Slow progress in sunflower sowing has also been made in the various okoliya: 11.3 in Tokbukhin, 15.3 in Ispersikh, 26.5 in Kolarovgrad, 28.4 in Novi Pazar, 29.4 in Omortag, and 34.2 in Turgovishte Okoliya.

The responsibility lies mostly with the local organizations, as is confirmed by the fact that in the other okoliya sowing has been completed 100 percent and over.

On the same date, hemp sowing had progressed as follows: 5.8 percent in Sofia District, 9.4 in Kolarovgrad, and 18 in Stalin; in Gorna Dzhumaya sowing had not even been started. Okoliya are showing the same slow progress: Svish-tov 37.1 percent, Burgas 42.3, Ruse 5.2, and Belen 20. However, Byala Slatina, Oryakhovo, Lovech, and Gorna Oryakhovitsa okoliya have exceeded the plan.

The early sowing of fibrilous flax is particularly important because early crops are more resistant to the highly destructive flax flea, but nonetheless the most important flax-producing areas are still far behind their sowing quotas. Razlog Okoliya has sown only 29.8 percent of the prescribed area, and Samokov 16, Pazardzhik, Peshtera, and Ikhtiman okoliya have not even started sowing operations.

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The same is true of oleaginous flax sowing, for which the following figures are reported: Pomorie Okoliya 25 percent, Stalin 31.6, Provadiya 24.7, Belen 10.4, Kurbat 7.1, Isperikh 11.2, and Ruse Okoliya 21 percent.

The sowing of alfalfa has also been quite inadequate. Elena Okoliya, which depends on this fodder crop for its dairy cattle, has not sown a single decare of alfalfa so far, whereas Sofia Okoliya has sown 7.4 and Purvo May 10 percent. The okoliya which produce alfalfa for seed have also been lagging, and in Vidin only 20 percent of the area had been sown before 6 April.

The party, Fatherland Front, and agricultural organizations are directed to see that sunflower, hemp, flax, and alfalfa sowing be completed within the next 5 or 6 days. Failure to terminate operations by that time will delay the sowing of corn, which must be completed before the end of April.

DECREE STRICTER TOBACCO REGULATIONS -- Rabotnichesko Delo, No 105, 15 Apr 50

In contravention of Decree No 455 of the Council of Ministers of 22 February 1950 outlining the plan for contracts between the State Tobacco Monopoly and individual tobacco producers, the Monopoly Administration has been very late and careless in purchasing and paying for the quotas of the 1949 tobacco collection that have been delivered. These failures had an unfavorable effect on the contracts concluded for the 1950 tobacco planting season, and the State Control Commission has reported to the Council of Ministers that as of 20 March 1950 the contracting plan had been accomplished only as follows: oriental tobacco 83 percent, Virginia 97.5, and Makhorka /Low-grade tobacco/ 64.6 percent. Tobacco planting has been accomplished by only 2.4 percent in Khaskovo Okoliya, 9.25 in Kharmanli, 11.1 in Purvi May, and 1.4 percent in Stara Zagora, whereas Stalin, Balchik, Tervel, Kolarovgrad, Preslav, Turgovishte, Omurtag, Popov, Silistra, Dulov, and other okoliya had not planted a single decare of tobacco by that date.

The Council of Ministers has passed the following resolutions:

1. The Minister of Foreign Trade, the State Tobacco Monopoly, the Minister of Agriculture, and the leaders of district, okoliya, and local people's soviets in tobacco-growing areas are directed to take immediate measures for the prompt conclusion of contracts and the planting of tobacco according to the schedules established by the Ministry of Agriculture.
2. The chief director of the State Tobacco Monopoly, Gavrail Karev, and the technical director of the organization, Aleksandur Pachev, are severely reprimanded for:
 - a. Failing to distribute flour subsidies designed to stimulate tobacco production, despite the orders of the Council of Ministers
 - b. Failing to assure the early purchase of and payment for the 1949 tobacco crop
 - c. Failing to take the necessary measures for the conclusion of contracts or for the proper execution of the plan
 - d. Failing to carry out promptly the contracts that had been concluded and to provide the necessary executive organization throughout the districts.
3. The Minister of Foreign Trade is directed to penalize the directors of the State Tobacco Monopoly branches in the cities of Khaskovo, Kurdzhali, Pazardzhik, and Plovdiv for their failure to conclude contracts, and for establishing a single, average production quota regardless of the quality of the particular tobacco fields.

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4. The chairman of the okoliya people's soviets in the cities of Khas-kovo and Momchilgrad are directed to penalize the leaders of their agricultural services for failing to organize and to control tobacco contracting and to enlist the aid of the okoliya people's soviets to spur and improve plan fulfillment.

RELEASE SALE OF GRAIN -- Rabotnichesko Delo, No 1705, 9 Mar 50

The Council of Ministers and the Central Committee of the Bulgarian Communist Party have passed the following resolutions:

1. To authorize the free sale of wheat, rice, corn, barley, oats, spelt, and flour by private individuals and farm workers' cooperatives.
2. To authorize the free purchase of wheat, rice, corn, barley, oats, spelt, and flour by private individuals and farm workers' cooperative for their personal use.
3. To authorize the exchange among the producers of wheat, rice, corn, barley, oats, spelt, and flour for other commodities. The exchange may be conducted collectively by local and district cooperatives.
4. The Ministry of Internal Trade and the Central Cooperative Union are requested to continue the free purchase of grain, fodder, legume crops, and oleaginous seeds to increase government reserves.
5. The district people's soviets and Party committees of the Vidin and Vratsa districts and the okoliya people's soviets and Party committees of Vidin, Vratsa, Kula, Mikhailovgrad, and Byala Slatina okoliya are requested to take supplementary steps to fulfill the free purchase plan established for the above areas, before 30 March 1950, and to file reports with the Council of Ministers and the Central Committee of the Bulgarian Communist Party.
6. All district and local people's soviets and Party committees are requested to maintain strict discipline in the distribution of bread ration cards and strict economy in the use of bread.
7. The present decree amends and supplements Section 33 of the third decree of the Council of Ministers and the Central Committee of the Bulgarian Communist Party of 3 December 1949.

The decree becomes effective on the day of its publication in the State Herald.

Violations will be prosecuted under the Law of Price and Supply.

REPORT SOWING PROGRESS -- Rabotnichesko Delo, No 106, 16 Apr 50

The Ministry of Agriculture reports spring-sowing progress throughout Bulgaria as follows (in percent):

<u>Crop</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Farm Workers' Cooperatives</u>	<u>State Farms</u>
Sunflower	80.3	98.1	100.4
Alfalfa	53.7	51.8	85.4
Rape	69.8	56.8	
Oleaginous Flax	90.2	90.6	101.4

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<u>Crop</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Farm Workers' Cooperatives</u>	<u>State Farms</u>
Fibrilous flax	59.6	66.5	91.7
Sugar beets	70	91.2	67.6
Fodder beets	36.6	22.4	68.7
Hemp	60.4	93.2	67.2

FIGHT PESTS -- Rabotnichesko Delo, No 92, 2 Apr 50

The Ministry of Agriculture reports that despite previous precautions, the spread of the rapeseed beetle and the leatherjacket is still causing very serious damage to crops. The ministry therefore directs okoliya and district people's soviets to organize mass campaigns, supported by shock brigades, for the complete elimination of the destructive insects. Operations will be conducted during working hours.

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